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(57) ABSTRACT

A tractor includes an internal combustion engine for delivering torque, wheels or tracks for imparting a propulsive force to the ground, and a power takeoff shaft for delivering torque to implements attached thereto. The power takeoff shaft is driven by a mechanical drive connection to the engine. An electrical motor/generator is drivingly connected to the engine, and at least one electrical motor is arranged to deliver a propulsion force to the wheels or tracks. The motor is electrically connected to, and powered by, the electrical motor/generator. A battery is connected to the electrical motor/generator and to the electrical motor so that electrical energy can be passed therebetween. The motor/generator can also operate as a motor so that the power takeoff shaft is at least partially powered by electrical energy from the battery.

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